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1. During the period from 10 to 16 July 1952, the Loebstedt Kaserne on Namnburger Strasse, Jena (M 51/J 61), was occupied by about 900 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Most of them were young and poorly dressed soldiers who appeared rather untidy. Except for one building which was occupied to capacity, the quarters in the western section of the installation were only about one third occupied. Part of the front wall of one building was demolished and a tank was installed inside the building for instructional purposes. The about four other buildings were vacant. A total of 46 tanks was seen in the three garages in the southern section of the installation. On 12 July, twelve soldiers were seen maintaining a JS tank.

2. During the period from 13 to 16 July, a unit wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia was seen in tents at the Am Steiger tank training area. Thirty JS tanks were seen nearby. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the tanks stationed there would be periodically relieved by tanks from the Loebstedt Kaserne. At 11 a.m. on 14 and 16 July, firing of tank weapons was heard from the tank training area.

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. The young soldiers mentioned apparently were newly arrived recruits of the 20th Gds Mecz Div who were sent by the division to the Am Steiger training area to receive tank training. The bulk of the division was in Crawinkel at the Ohrdruf troop training grounds. In May and June, the barracks installation was occupied by only a rear detail. [REDACTED]

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